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SUBJ: FRENCH AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO ETHIOPIA

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1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR, JEAN AUSSEIL AND HIS WIFE, CATHERINE, WERE AMONG THE MOST POPULAR AND STIMULATING MEMBERS IN THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS HERE. JEAN IS ABOUT FIFTY YEARS OLD; CATHERINE IS A LEAST TEN YEARS YOUNGER. JEAN WAS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO FOREIGN MINISTER COUVE D'MOURVILLE FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD. HE SERVED IN VIETNAM AS A MINOR OFFICIAL DURING THE LAST DAYS OF THE FRENCH OCCUPATION. HE VIEWS THE FRENCH AND U.S. INVOLVEMENTS IN VIETNAM AS HAVING BOUGHT TIME FOR OTHER COUNTRIES, I.E., THAILAND, MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA, TO DEVELOP AND PROVIDE SOME MEASURE OF BALANCE AND DEFENSE AGAINST VIETNAMESE ADVENTURISM. HE ALSO SERVED IN MOROCCO, WHICH HE ENJOYED VERY MUCH.

2. JEAN IS AN INTENSE PROFESSIONAL. HE IS VERY PERCEPTIVE, ESPECIALLY IN GAINING INSIGHTS INTO WHAT MAKES OTHERS TICK. HE IS GREGARIOUS AND DEVELOPS RAPPORT EASILY. HE IS COMFORTABLE WITH AMERICANS; FORTHCOMING AND CANDID IN CONVERSATIONS.

3. HE SPEAKS ENGLISH FAIRLY FLUENTLY. CATHERINE IS BILINGUAL,
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